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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Fair and warmer.

ONE BUGBEAR REMOVED.

The hideous bugbear of an illimitable coal strike has been removed by the sensible action of John Mitchell, the controlling genius of the miners' federation. Mitchell has always been deemed one of the level-headed men in the ranks of organized labor in the world and his claim for sagacity will in no wise be impaired by his decision yesterday. The operators have met him in ready good faith in the premise, and the miners themselves are jubilant over the successful issue of the anthracite troubles. The Pacific west knows but little of the vital points in an immense coal war, the one element of which they are always cognizant, being the inevitable advance in the price of that home staple; but, like the printers of the nation, the coal miners have an organization that means something when it strikes, and the brains to refrain from striking when concessions are made, even if they do cover the entire ground of demand. The country will draw a grateful breath of intense relief at the outcome.

TWENTY-NINE DAYS YET.

There are but twenty-nine days of campaigning time before the partisan hosts of Clatsop. As yet there seems to be no indication of the primary battle for office. A careful review of the situation, all over the county, shows that the Republican strength is unimpaired and wholly devoted to the issue of a complete victory. No challenge has been heard; no slogan of defiance has been hurled into the arena; the leaders are quietly gauging the conditions and measuring the field, and the battle, as such, will be of short and decisive duration, and unequivocally end in the election of every Republican aspirant in the county, and contribute its quota to the decisive victory of the same ticket throughout the State. This is absolutely essential for the rehabilitation of the party in Oregon. Once it is achieved, the odd and rough and varied causes for disaffection will disappear for good and all, the prestige and sway of the dominant party will be made permanent and of universal advantage to the people.

MORE LAND FRAUDS.

This seems to be peculiar era of the muck-raker! Oregon is about to overhaul another batch of land-grabbers, and there are some prominent people in the mess just unearthed. It is all right; let them suffer. The man who poses as the light and model of his community for years and is then discovered to be trading upon the established name he has won, to defraud the people generally of their birth-right, is not deserving

of one atom more consideration in court nor out of it, than the most deliberate and purposeful of the gang. Let us hear no more of the sentimental gush about the "good fellow that has been inadvertently drawn into the mess, by reason of his good-natured, easy-going association with the real thieves, having no knowledge of their ulterior purposes." The qualification of thievery is tantamount to its condemnation, and condemnation is the route to escape.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

If his manager speaks with authority, "Hobson's choice" is to be President.

Our men at Athens are doing their best to turn this Olympiad into a Columbiad.

What passes as a parade in an American city constitutes a mob and creates at crisis in Paris.

Chicago in the unaccustomed role of "Spotless Town" will be worth a trip half way across the continent to see.

Bloody Gulch, Nevada, will learn with astonishment that New York has only one bank that runs day and night.

Pennsylvania soldiers can report the brickbats feel just the same in a "suspension of work" as they do in a formal strike.

New York City's relief fund is still climbing toward the \$4,000,000 mark. Roll it up and break all records in a good cause!

The reported eruption of Mount Hecla may be intended to show that Iceland is still on the map and in touch with the rest of the world.

Count Witte can console himself with the thought that the czar demanded more foolish advising than he was qualified to furnish.

Fact is, being a United States senator is a dull and uninteresting business for a gentleman with Senator Clark's energy and abilities.

Members of the Royal Opera Company at Berlin have been ordered to sing no more into graphophones. Probably a device to prevent their notes being discounted.

Andrew Carnegie says Wilfrid Laurier is one of the five great men another, the world and Booker Washington another. The other three lives in Scotland but frequently visit the United States.

If Tacoma can be restrained from flunking with a pennant-winning team the prospects for a successful baseball season in the northwest may be pictured as cloudless.

The corruption in Chicago's City Hall finally has reached the foundations and the structure as well as its inmates have been formally condemned as against public use.

Mr. Bryan was at Jerusalem last Sunday where he addressed the Christian Missionary Alliance in the Tabernacle. Being a smooth shaven man, it will not be necessary for him to "tarry at Jericho" till 1908.

A Boston bank wrecker, who has just been set at liberty, while in prison was taken driving daily by a jailer and allowed to be under the shade trees in a hammock the rest of the time. No wonder bank-wrecking is popular!

Richard Mansfield holds that every man is an actor; and Belasco has demonstrated that mechanical effects can go far toward redeeming the actor's deficiencies. It took Elijah III Dowie and last Sunday to illustrate both truths.

Two "prominent educators" of New Mexico shot each other dead last Sunday in the main street of Deming. DJ-patches from that town enlarge on the scholastic eminence of the duellists, but unfortunately neglect to state whether the dispute settled was personal or academic.

Dr. Hansteen, a Norwegian scientist, asserts that moss, subjected to a chemical process and properly cooked, delights "the nose base epicure," and is as nutritious as vegetables. The rolling stone that gathers no moss will now be less popular than ever with frugal housewives.

A thirty million dollar syndicate to control the theatrical situation sounds ominous or otherwise according to one's point of view. More judicious expendi-

ture in securing good managerial judgment—say up to the English standard—might result in more plays worth while. The play's the thing.

"The Boston Herald" has had a May moving, and is to be congratulated upon its handsome new home and new outfit at the corner of Tremont and Mason streets. "The Herald" leads the uptown march, and evidently believes in Mahomet going to the mountain. May it live long and prosper in its new quarters!

Dame Nature has cruelly emphasized the puniness of man. The Stanford University buildings, designated by the most scientific minds and built with the utmost care, especially to resist earthquakes, have been utterly demolished. The professors' houses adjoining, but with no regard for convulsions of nature, are practically injured.

The thumb print method of personal identification has again triumphed. It is an ancient and primitive device, but it seems to hold its own in efficiency with all the elaborate rules and labors of the Bertillon system. Of course, a criminal could conceal his identity by chopping off his thumb, but most men would hesitate long before resorting to so serious a mutilation. Besides, the absence of that tell-tale member would itself be a suspicious circumstance.

WAYS OF PENGUINS.

These Birds Lay Out Home Sites and Build Cities.

Penguins mostly spend their lives on the water, but when, during the breeding season, they are obliged to seek the shore they establish cities, many acres often being laid out in squares, composed of what might be called streets, running at right angles. The birds not only lay out their city after picking up all the loose stones till the whole place is as smooth as a board floor, but they take possession in couples, each pair selecting a home site, not to build a nest, but merely to secure a particular spot on the bare ground.

The hen lays one egg, and only one, and during the time of incubation the male bird brings her food from the sea or sits on the egg while himself if she wants to go out and take a swim. The lady penguins grow so fat and sleek under the good care of their faithful mates that they are eagerly hunted at the breeding season.

The old birds are tough and fishy, but the tender young matrons are in great demand, both for their oil and flesh. Even the eggs have an oily and fishy flavor and taste as hens' eggs might if cooked in paraffin. The penguin has wings, like other birds, but they are altogether too short to fly with, though they assist him somewhat in waddling over the ground.—Cornhill Magazine.

Nature's Perch Clamp.

"Chickens and other birds roosting on a perch no bigger than a lead pencil never fall off. Do you know why?" said a farmer.

"The tendon of a roosting bird's leg is so constructed that when the leg is bent at the knee the claws have to contract—can't open till the leg is straightened out again.

"Thus a chicken gets on its perch, bends its knee to be comfortable and with that bending locks itself, as with a key, to the wood. It can't fall off. Put a chicken on your finger and then make it sit down. Its claws will clamp your finger tight and be unable to let go until the bird stands up again. Nature, very kindly, has so constructed roosting birds that the act of settling down clamps them to their perch."

Shelley's Heart.

A well known and very prominent English family are the possessors of a remarkable relic in the shape of a human heart preserved in a jar of alcohol. It appears that Shelley, the poet, feared that there was a chance of being buried alive. To guard against any such a contingency he left directions that his heart should be removed immediately after death. The queer relic may still be seen by any one who visits Hascombe manor, Bournemouth, England.

Force of Perseverance.

There are two ways of attaining an important end—force and perseverance. Force falls to the lot only of the privileged few, but austere and sustained perseverance can be practiced by the most insignificant. Its silent power grows irresistible with time.—Mme. Swetchine.

The Nautilus.

The idea of airtight compartments in ships was suggested by the peculiar construction of the nautilus. The shell of this animal has forty or fifty compartments, into which air or water may be admitted, to allow the occupant to sink or float, as it pleases.

Absentminded.

One of the most brilliant of all Eaton's masters some years ago was a very absentminded man. He was reported to have been seen one day chasing a hen down Windsor hill in the fond belief that she was his hat!

Malignous.

Miss Longyears—You know I have been called good looking. Cynicus—I dare say. The standards of beauty change every ten years or so.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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paid interest to September 25th, 1904 leaving due leaving to the unpaid thereon the sum of \$5000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum from the 25th day of September, 1904 until paid. Said sale is made pursuant to a written contract and authority executed by said John Hahn authorizing the undersigned to sell said shares of stock or sufficient thereof to satisfy said note bearing date March 25th 1904.

Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 27th day of April, 1906.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.
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